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In re: U.S. Patent Application of:

Group: 1754

Nobuo KIMURA et al.

Examiner: Edward M. Johnson

Serial No. 09/530,196

Attny Dkt: 31981-160441

Filing Date November 5, 1998

U.S.P.T.O. Customer No. 26694

For METALLIC PLATE OR RESIN
STRUCTURE HAVING
PHOTOCATALYST-SUPPORTING
FILM LAMINATED THERETO



January 22, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)

Sir:

This is a reiteration of the September 30, 2002 Petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) plus the information added in italics and bolded. It is presented in response to the Jan 3, 2003 PTO paper. It is accompanied by the docket records relating to this case which are annotated.

On August 22, 2002, the undersigned filed a Status Inquiry letter in the U.S. Patent Office, relating to the above- identified application.

On September 26, 2002, the Patent Office issued "Response to your Status Inquiry." The September 26, 2002 paper indicated that an action had been mailed on March 22, 2002. The undersigned confirmed this with the Examiner of the subject application. March 22 was 6 months and four days before the Patent Office September 26 paper. A copy of the August 22 paper is attached. Applicants undersigned representatives have not received that March 22 paper. ***This is evidenced by the docket entries. As can be seen from the attachment [3 pages] appended hereto—a copy of the docket record - [highlighted and annotated in red ink, by the undersigned's support person] the point in the history of the application which indicates non-entry of a non-received item. Non-entry relates to the March 22, 2002 Office Action. The file wrapper entries exhibit the same deficiency, there is no entry relating to March 22, 2002 and no-entry for 3 or 6 months therefrom [September 26, 2002].***

Applicants hereby request re-issuance of the March 22, 2002 paper; a retroactive rescinding of any prospective Notice of Abandonment and a restart of the period for response.

This petition is filed under 37 CFR 1.181(a) and no fee is enclosed per MPEP Section 711.03(c)(I). However, if any fee is due please charge the same to Deposit Account 22-0261 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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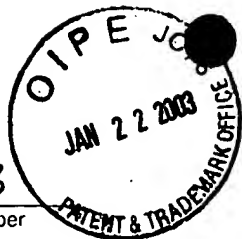
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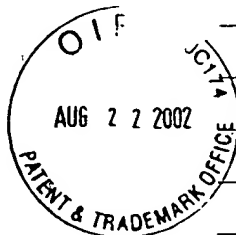
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Applicant: Nobuo KIMURA et al.
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Application No.: 09/530,196
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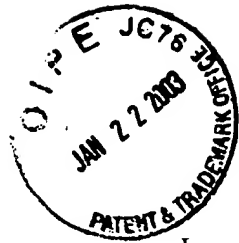
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August 22, 2002

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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request written notification from the U.S. Patent Office relating to the status of the above-identified patent application.

We hereby attached a copy of a PTO Communication dated December 10, 2001, stating that our inquiry (filed on November 21, 2001) would be acted upon by March 2002. To date, no response to our filed papers on August 22, 2000 and September 7, 2000 has been received. Attached please find courtesy copies of our filed papers.

Again, applicants respectfully request a response to our inquiries regarding the non-recording of the Assignment.

Respectfully submitted,

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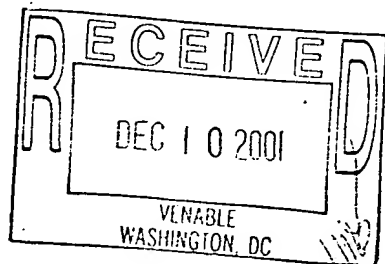
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November 21, 2001

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request written notification from the U.S. Patent Office relating to the status of the above-identified patent application.

The last Paper received from the Patent Office is dated September 8, 2000. It is the filing receipt.

Applicants filed papers on August 22, 2000 [response to notification of a Defective Oath] and on September 7, 2000 applicants representative responded to a Patent Office notice of non-recordation [of an assignment].

Respectfully submitted,

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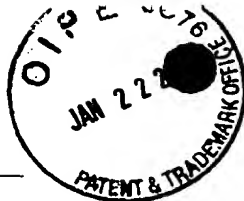
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RESPONSE TO: NOTICE OF NON-RECORDATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the August 14, 2000 NOTICE OF NON-RECORDATION OF DOCUMENT.

Enclosed herewith is the assignment filed in the U.S. Patent Office on June 8, 2000, together with the original transmittal letter and a corrected transmittal letter as well as the U.S.P.T.O. NOTICE OF NON-RECORDATION. The transmittal letter has been augmented at item 4 to recite the U.S. application number 09/530,196, corresponding to JP98 04981.

The recording fee was filed on June 8, 2000. Should any additional fee be required please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR RECORDING AND COVER SHEET UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.28 AND 3.31

Please record the attached original document(s) or copy(ies) thereof.

1. Name of party conveying the interest:
 1. Nobuo KIMURA
 2. Kazuo ONO
 3. Shigemichi FUKAYAMA
 4. Masayuki KATAOKA
 5. Kazuji OKABE
 6. Yoshiharu KOMODA
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☒ Assignment ☐ Merger ☐ Security Agreement ☐ Change of Name ☐ Other:
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5. April 25, 2000; and 6. April 25, 2000
8. If document is an assignment of a trademark right to an assignee who is not domiciled in the United States, such assignee has designated a domestic representative ☐ per attached designation ☐ other:
9. To the best of knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to PCT/DO/EO/917 dated June 22, 2000. Enclosed is a new Declaration.

Applicants hereby petition for one-month extension of time and enclose the requisite fee.

Should any additional fee be required, please charge the same to our deposit account #22-0261, and advise us accordingly.

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